

**A RESOLUTION****BY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SUB-GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY (MARTA) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$170,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CITY CONDUCTING A LIVABLE CENTERS INITIATIVE (LCI) STUDY FOR THE OAKLAND CITY-LAKEWOOD FORT MCPHERSON STATION CORRIDOR; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City's Bureau of Planning has successfully completed four (4) LCI projects under the Livable Communities Initiative (LCI) guidelines as established by the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC); and

**WHEREAS**, MARTA has been in discussion with the City concerning an LCI project for the Oakland City-Lakewood Fort McPherson Station study area with a projected cost of \$170,000; and

**WHEREAS**, MARTA has identified approximately \$136,000. in unused Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant funds that were originally designated for the West End area, and the City's Bureau of Planning will provide the match for this project in staff time in an amount not to exceed \$34,000; and

**WHEREAS**, MARTA in consultation with the City's Bureau of Planning and ARC staff, has identified the Oakland City-Lakewood Fort McPherson Station study area as a potential LCI project area; and

**WHEREAS**, MARTA, pending approval by the FTA, has requested that the City prepare a LCI study for the proposed project area.

**NOW, THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES as follows:**

**Section 1:** That the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign a sub-grant agreement with the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority in an amount not to exceed \$136, 000 for the purpose of the City preparing a LCI study for the Oakland City-Lakewood Fort McPherson Station study area. That said agreement with MARTA is contingent upon approval by the Federal Transit Administration.

# TRANSMITTAL FORM FOR LEGISLATION

To Mayor's Office:

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Commissioner Signature:

Director signature

From: Originating Dept.

DPCD/BOP

Contact Name

Garnett Brown

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Committee(s) of Purview:

CD/HR Committee

Committee Deadline:

Committee Meeting Date (s)

7/29/03

City Council Meeting Date:

8/18/03

CAPTION:

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FINANCIAL IMPACT (if any):

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE/DISCUSSION:

Coordinated Review With:

Mayor's Staff Only

Received by Mayor's Office:

(date)

Reviewed:

(initials) (date)

Submitted to Council:

(date)

Action by Committee:

☐ Approved ☐ Adversed ☐ Held ☐ Amended  
☐ Substitute ☐ Referred ☐ Other

July 25, 2003

Mr. Charles C. Graves III  
Commissioner of Planning & Community Development  
City of Atlanta  
55 Trinity Avenue, S.W. Suite 1450  
Atlanta, GA 30303

**Re: Proposed Livable Centers Initiative Study—Oakland City-  
Lakewood/Ft. McPherson Station Corridor**

Dear Commissioner Graves:

As discussed during a meeting between the City's Bureau of Planning and MARTA staff on July 22, 2003, the Authority has identified approximately \$136,000 in available Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Livable Communities (LC) grant funds. Based on the recommendation of MARTA's Transit Oriented Development office, pursuant to discussion with Bureau of Planning and ARC staff, it is proposed that these federal grant funds be utilized for a Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) study of the Oakland City—Lakewood/Ft. McPherson Station Corridor, subject to FTA's concurrence.

MARTA is interested in having the City's Bureau of Planning perform the detailed conduct of this study, which would include certain activities performed via a third party consultant services contract, pursuant to the ARC LCI guidelines. MARTA's intent is to enter into a sub-grant agreement with the City that would pass-through the \$136,000 in federal grant funds for that purpose, subject to FTA's concurrence. There is a 20% local matching requirement in an amount not to exceed \$34,000 that would need to be met by the City. Based on discussions with the Bureau, it is proposed that the local match be satisfied through the in-kind contribution of Bureau of Planning staff time, contingent upon FTA approval.

The FTA has requested that MARTA provide them with a firm action plan by August 31, 2003 regarding the use of the \$136,000 in federal LC funds. In order for MARTA to make a commitment to FTA to utilize the funds, we would need corresponding documentation of the City's willingness to enter into a sub-grant agreement for purposes of conducting this LCI study.

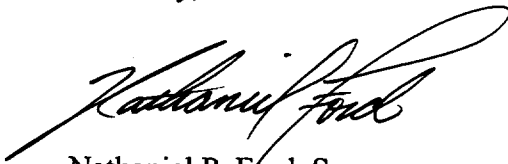
Mr. Charles Graves  
Oakland City—Lakewood/Ft. McPherson Corridor LCI Study  
July 25, 2003

It is our intention to meet with FTA representatives the week of August 4, 2003 to brief them on this proposed Study and also to seek their concurrence with this course of action. We understand that a resolution by the City Council would first be necessary to authorize the Mayor to commit to entering into the proposed subgrant agreement for this LCI Study.

We are indeed hopeful that FTA will approve the proposed subgrant agreement, and greatly appreciate your interest in partnering with MARTA in this important planning initiative. The LCI study that would result should greatly benefit the Oakland City and Lakewood-Ft. McPherson communities as well as MARTA. It is understood that ARC would grandfather the outcome of the Study into their LCI program, thereby making any resulting project potentially eligible for LCI Implementation funds.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. Darryl Connelly, Manager of Property Development, at (404) 848-5176 or Mr. Knox O'Callaghan, FTA Coordinator, at (404) 848-5610.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nathaniel Ford", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nathaniel P. Ford, Sr.  
General Manager/CEO

Cc: Beverley Dockeray-Ojo, Bureau of Planning  
Tom Weyandt, ARC